(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The industrial development in the country is governed by the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991. Various initiatives in respect of policies relating to industrial licensing, foreign investment, foreign technology agreement and public sector policies etc. have been taken. Review of the policy, procedure and their implementation has been an ongoing process in response to emerging situations.

Industrial and Infrastructural Investment in Uttar Pradesh

†1827. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the percentage of industrial and infrastructural investment in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government for increasing the industrial growth in this large State if it is at the minimum level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The industrial (including infrastructural) investment approved in the non-SSI sector during the last five years for Uttar Pradesh is about 5% of the total industrial and infrastructural investment for the country as a whole.

(b) Under the liberalized economic regime it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create a conducive atmosphere for investment through provision of infrastructural facilities for the development of industries in the State. However, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments (including Uttar Pradesh) in this direction through various measures like the Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme etc.

Implementation of Shukla Commission recommendations

1828. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations of Shukla Commission on development

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of Trade and Transit infrastructure in the North East in terms of PM's special package; and

(b) the action taken, target fixed and achievement made, so far, in implementing each of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The salient recommendations of Shukla Commission on Trade and Transit infrastructure in NE include, *inter alia,* strengthening of the presence of various commodity boards in the Region, integrated planning for utilisation of the Guwahati Air Cargo facilities, setting up of a task force to review the entire North East border and inter-country trade issue, commissioning of a transport optimisation study for international linkages and Transit/ Transhipment arrangements with Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan, exchange of delegation with Bangladesh and Myanmar.

(b) The presence of the Offices of Coffee Board, Tea Board, Spices Board, and Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority has been strengthened in the North Eastern Region. Airport Authority of India has planned expansion and modification of domestic terminal building, installation of modern state of art ASR/ MSSR etc. A walk in type cold storage for Horticultural/ Floricultural products has been provided at the Guwahati Airport. Department of Commerce has commissioned a transport optimisation study through Rail India Technical and Economic Consultancy Services. The report of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force to review the North East border trade has been submitted its report to the Planning Commission. An Empowered Committee is proposed to be set up to examine and implement the recommendations of the Task Force. Exchange of delegation with Myanmar and Bangladesh has also taken place.

Items exported to foreign countries

1829. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which are the items being exported to foreign countries by Government to procure foreign exchange;

(b) in which States these items are produced;

(c) whether there is any decline in India's exports during the last year; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to revitalise India's export promotion?